

The Roman Catholic
Parish of St. Timothy

Archdiocese of St. Boniface

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Public Masses are cancelled at this time

See Fr. Brian's private Mass schedule in the bulletin

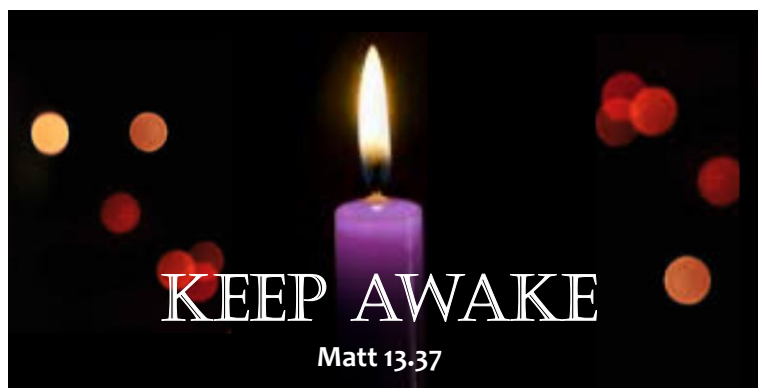
Parish Office Hours: Tues/Wed/Thurs: 9 am - 5 pm

**For news & updates: st-timothy.ca
or www.archsaintboniface.ca**

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

St. Timothy is a contemporary Roman Catholic parish called to "fan into flame the gifts God has given us" (2 Tim 1.6-7) so together ALL encounter and share the Living Christ.



Upcoming Sunday Readings

First Sunday of Advent, November 29

Is 63.16-17; 64.1,3-8; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1.3-9; Mk 13.33-37

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6

Is 40.1-5;9-11; Ps 85; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mk 1.1-8

Baptisms: Please call the parish office three months in advance.

Weddings: Please call the parish office one year in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): After weekday morning mass or please contact Fr. Brian at 204-257-3723 or Fr.Brian@st-timothy.ca for an appointment.

Bulletin: Please submit church related announcements to Grace in the office (bulletin@st-timothy.ca) by Tuesday morning.

Our vision is to be a life-giving community committed to welcome, to worship, to grow, and to serve.



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Mass Intentions for November 28 - December 6, 2020

Sat., Nov. 28 10:00 am † All Deceased Brother Knights from the St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council

LORD'S DAY:

4:00 pm Needs and Intentions of all parishioners

Sun., Nov. 29 10:00 am † Leonard, Leonide, Rene & Ulysse Delorme from Eva & Alfred Peloquin

WEEKDAY:

Tues., Dec. 1 9:30 am For all firefighters from Marie Giacobbo

Wed., Dec. 2 9:30 am † Pauline Poitras from Marie Giacobbo

Thurs., Dec. 3 9:30 am For the sick & shut-in of our parish

Fri. Dec. 4 9:30 am In thanksgiving for Helena Zarychta on her birthday from the Zarychta family

Sat., Dec. 5 10:00 am † Ed Duchek from Jeanne Beauchemin

LORD'S DAY:

4:00 pm † Sr. Odile St. Pierre from Judy & Eugene

Sun., Dec. 6 10:00 am Needs & intentions of all parishioners

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially....

† **Jules Granger**, husband of Yvette Granger, of our parish.

The private funeral will be live-streamed from Desjardins funeral home on Tuesday, December 1. Livestream begins at 1:55 pm. You may click [here](#) and save the link or go to arbormemorial.ca and search the funeral listings for the link.

Please remember the Granger family in your prayers, and all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS & HAMPER DONATIONS

The Parish Office can remain open during regular office hours for those who wish to drop off food or toys for the Christmas Hampers and other donations. Call us if you have any question - 204-949-3760.

WEEKEND TOY & FOOD DROP-OFF:

We will accept food, toy and monetary donations on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 1 pm - 3 pm. **That will be the last day** we can accept food & toys for the hampers.

See the HAMPER bulletin announcement for details.

New Provincial Protocols: no religious gatherings until at least December 11, 2020

Live-streamed & Recorded Mass

- All Masses celebrated privately by Fr. Brian are livestreamed.
- You can watch Mass live or later at your convenience via our website.

Sunday Mass: Saturday at 4 pm and Sunday at 10 am

Weekday Mass: Tuesday - Friday at 9:30 am, Saturday at 10 am

Join Fr. Brian and our parish community in prayer for the Liturgy of the Hours which precedes Sunday morning Mass and weekday Mass. The live link will begin about 20 minutes before the scheduled Mass time to include prayer.

HOW TO VIEW MASS

You do not need a facebook account to watch Mass, live or recorded.

- Go to st-timothy.ca
- On the home page, scroll down to "Mass Times"
- find the Mass time you want to watch
- click on LIVESTREAM or VIEW - that's it!
- The live stream link goes live about 5 minutes before the Liturgy of the Hours or Mass begins.



You may also click on the youtube icon on our home page to view our archived Masses.

- A Message from Fr. Brian -

ADVENT

This Sunday is already the first Sunday of Advent. Time certainly has flown by, hasn't it? I know I am constantly amazed at how this year is speeding right along, and I'm not sure if and how the context of the pandemic has added to this. Despite the many limitations we are faced with, we can still somehow find ways to keep ourselves distracted, unfocused, and passively allowing things to happen to us.

If you are feeling the same way about the flight of time, then you may need to be reminded, as I do, to be intentional about this season of Advent. Advent is normally a time of preparation, a privileged moment in our Church's liturgical year to ponder the reality of Christ's coming: his first coming in the Incarnation, his constant coming in the Eucharist and sacraments, and his second coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. This preparation culminates in the great feast of Christmas, the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With all the uncertainty that this pandemic is causing, we might find it beneficial to think about how we can make this season special in some way, to do something a bit different from our routine. There are many great practices and activities from our rich Catholic faith that we can draw upon to include in our resolve to intentionally place our relationship with Christ a bit higher up on our priority list.

As we relinquish some of the controls and freedoms we normally have to help contain the spread of COVID, let's not give up the freedom in the areas we do have control in: namely, growing in our faith journey. I encourage you all to make some small concrete change(s) for this season of Advent to help you prepare. There are many things we can do that will not be impacted by health protocols, so let's be creative!

God's blessing upon you all as we enter this season together.

Fr. Brian Trueman

Need help in the Advent creativity department? Read GROW Your FAITH this ADVENT further down in the bulletin for some suggestions to help you in your Advent journey.



Are you or someone you know seeking peace and meaning in these unsettling times? Would you consider your life to be fairly good, but still recognize a desire for something deeper? Do you feel a call to a deeper relationship with God?

If this is you or if it describes someone one may know, contact Fr. Brian Trueman to join in a time of prayer, seeking, and reflection on important topics. This time of journeying together, seeking answers to questions of life, and becoming welcomed into a community of others like yourself is what we would call RCIA.

What is RCIA? Aside from being an acronym for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, RCIA is a period where those who are unbaptized or those who were baptized in another Christian denomination might be interested in becoming Catholic.

Due to the evolving and limiting nature of the current pandemic, Fr. Brian will be setting up online meetings via Zoom with those who are interested and willing to proclaim themselves as "seekers" on a journey for spiritual fulfillment.

Please contact Fr. Brian through email or through his phone. fr.brian@st-timothy.ca or 204-257-3723.

Helping our Neighbour, St Germain School

Dear Family,

As you are well aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted our society. One area of our society that has had to work through these challenges is our schools. The continuing education of children is paramount to our future so schools are having to think of creative ways to address the need for education in safe ways. One of the factors looked at is physically distancing students who are in classrooms at least two metres. This creates challenges with physical space, and schools have to consider how to use every space possible.

Our neighbour, St. Germain School, where our parish community began forming in 1988, has approached our parish with the hope to use our parish hall as a potential space for a Grade 5 classroom with about 24 children. They hoped to use some space during the week, the same hours as school, from December until the spring when weather permits gym class to return outside. Obviously, our first response was a desire to be of service, but we knew this was potentially quite a big decision that affects the whole of our parish. So I gathered together about 20 or so parishioners from the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, and staff, to consider what some of the benefits and challenges that could come from such an arrangement.

Having looked at the situation together, we discerned through a consensus that we were willing to open our doors to them. Of course, there will be many small details to work out in terms of how this arrangement would continue to promote the well-being of both parties, including the safety of all. There was a general agreement, that as long as we worked to ensure everyone's well-being, we felt a desire and call to help out as citizens of society, helpful neighbours, and caring Christians.

We hope that our decision reflects the values and concerns of all our parishioners. Please feel free to speak with myself, members of our staff, PPC, or Finance Committee about any questions, comments, or concerns you may have regarding this arrangement.

God bless you all.

Fr. Brian Trueman

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CHRISTMAS HAMPER CAMPAIGN

With your help, the Parish of St. Timothy will prepare Christmas Hampers for families with children identified by the Christmas Cheer Board. **It looks like we will be able to help 20 St. Vital families with FOOD & TOYS for Christmas.**

THANK YOU to those who have already dropped off donations! If you still wish to help make our Hamper Campaign a success, here's what you can do!

FOOD DONATIONS:

These are the items most in need:

- Vegetable oil
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Soda Crackers
- Stuffing Mix (Stove top)
- Cranberry Sauce
- 2.5 kg Flour
- Candy / chocolates
- Tea
- Dry Soup
- Hot Chocolate
- Canned Pasta
- Coffee
- Instant oatmeal
- Canned salmon
- Canned tuna
- Cake Mix
- Pudding boxes
- Baked beans
- Kraft Dinner
- 1 L juice

TOY DONATIONS:

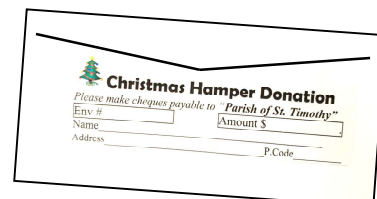
We are also in need of **NEW, unwrapped** toys for the families receiving Christmas hampers this year. Here are some gift suggestions:



- Craft Kits
- LEGO
- Science kits
- Books (all ages needed)
- Sports equipment
- Board games
- Gift cards (ie, fast food)
- Gifts suitable for infants
- Gifts suitable for teens
- Gifts suitable for boys & girls aged 1 - 12



DROP-OFF:



You may drop off your **FOOD, TOY** or **MONETARY** DONATIONS to the parish on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9 am - 5 pm** until **Thursday, December 10.**

We will have one more **SATURDAY DROP OFF** on **Saturday, December 12** from **1 - 3 pm**

For your safety and convenience, we have donation boxes for your items just inside the narthex near the north entrance.

God bless you for your generous support of our brothers and sisters.

Our NEWEST Canadian CITIZENS!

On November 17, 2020, our sponsored family, made up of Khalid, Sabah and their older children Taym and Ali, all became CANADIAN CITIZENS along with 8 other families! (Their youngest son Jad was born in Canada so he is already a Canadian citizen!)

"We are so very lucky to live here in Canada," Khalid tells us. "Canada is our future". Needless to say there were a few tears. They are so grateful for the support of the parish and ongoing contributions to the Syrian community. Thank you all SO MUCH!



Weekly offering to our Parish - 2020

Collection Date	Envelopes	Loose Cash	TOTAL
November 1	\$3,326.00 (51 env)	0.00	\$3,326.00
November 8	\$2,360.00 (50 env)	0.00	\$2,360.00
November 15	\$1,330.00 (13 env.)	0.00	\$1,330.00
November 22	\$1,145.00 (9 env)	0.00	\$1,145.00

- Other donations also received November 15:
\$2,300.00

While the church is closed, here is a reminder how to make your donations to the parish:

- 1) **Sign up for Direct Debit:** Direct debit forms are also on the parish website, st-timothy.ca. You can print the form then mail it to the parish with a void cheque.
- 2) **Mail or drop off your donation:** We're here in the parish office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 am - 5 pm.
- 3) **Online:** click on the DONATE button on the home page of our website and you'll be directed to the diocesan link to make your donation. Be sure to choose "St. Timothy" on the drop down menu to direct your donation.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Parish

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

November 29, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Do you have these gentle-used items to donate?

- Women's winter boots ranging from size 6-10
- Winter parkas, snow pants, boots & clothing for kids
- 2 vacuums
- Baby items: Cribs, bassinets, strollers, baby bouncers, baby & toddler clothes
- boys snow pants size 8-10 or larger

Please call Theresa Prystupa at 204-256-9608 if you have any of those items to donate. As always, thank you all for your kind generosity.

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

Children are one of the joys of marriage (most of the time). But they also tend to take up a lot of your energy reserve. You are not married to your children, so don't let them take the place of the intimacy you owe to each other.

From the "Companions in Grief" Team

MOVING FORWARD with *Grief*

Make a Plan

Often mourners need something to look forward to, a reason to get out of bed each morning. It's hard to look forward to each day when you know you will be experiencing pain and sadness.

To counterbalance your normal and necessary mourning, each and every day plan - in advance - something you enjoy. Reading, baking, going for a walk, talking with a friend on the phone, playing computer games, joining Father Brian for daily virtual Mass, - do whatever brings you enjoyment & peace.

This time of year will bring different challenges. Be kind to yourself and take time to be joyful as you remember the things you treasure about your loved one.

Adapted from "Understanding your Grief", Dr. Alan Wolfelt

GROW your FAITH this ADVENT!

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Are you looking for activities to do from home this Advent season? Visit the diocesan [webpage](#) for activities to help you and your family enter into this Advent season and stay connected to the Church of Saint Boniface too! They will continue updating this page with new activities throughout the season so be sure to check back often.

Also, see what speaks to you in the [Ideas for Honouring the Season of Advent](#) page included with your emailed bulletin. *If you are reading the bulletin from the website and would like a copy of the Advent inserts, let Grace know at grace@st-timothy.ca. (We cannot post the copyright material on our website.)*

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTIONS

There is a plethora of on-line daily reflections to choose from, most that can be emailed to you directly! Some of our favourites include:

Bishop Barron's adventreflections.com

Mathew Kelly's dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

Sign up with Chris Stefanick's reallifecatholic.com and you will be invited to start a digital Advent retreat!

Maybe you relate to Ignation spirituality? Try ignatianspirituality.com/advent

There's only a couple weeks left to purchase The Women's Auxiliary SILENT AUCTION tickets!

There are FIVE great prizes to choose from!

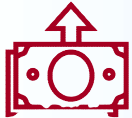


- 1) **A MEAT BASKET** worth over \$175 with a variety of meats from your local Co-op store
- 2) **A BEVERAGE BASKET** worth over \$150 with something for everyone; have a romantic dinner OR enjoy with your family watching a favorite movie
- 3) **A LOTTERY TICKET PACKAGE** with a chance to win up to one million dollars
- 4) **A GOURMET FOOD BASKET** worth over \$200 dollars filled with a variety of food and pantry items
- 5) **A fantastic MYSTERY BASKET** worth over \$600.00

Tickets for the Silent Auction are 5 for \$5.00. The draw will take place on December 13 at 12:30 pm. You do not have to be present to win and we will put your tickets in the prize(s) of your choice.

To purchase Silent Auction tickets, contact either of the following persons:

- Gert Hamonic at 204-226-8365 or Email gerthamonic19@gmail.com
- Bea Vincent 204-415-7916 or Email beavinc87@gmail.com



Payment can be by exact cash, by e-transfer to beavinc87@gmail.com or by cheque payable to the "Parish of St. Timothy Women's Auxiliary"

The Sale of Co-op & Sobeys' GIFT CARDS is on-going!

The Women's Auxiliary are continuing the sale of Gift Cards for Sobeys and Red River Co-op grocery stores. Gift cards come in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. Use these cards at your local grocery stores to purchase groceries or pay for prescriptions. You can also use them as Christmas gifts for family or friends. They make great gifts and stocking stuffers, and you do not have to go shopping!



To purchase gift cards, please contact either of the following persons:

- Paulette Spencer at 204-254-6800 Email paulettespencer18s@gmail.com
- Bea Vincent at 204-415-7916 Email beavinc87@gmail.com



Payment can be by exact cash, by e-transfer to beavinc87@gmail.com, or by cheque payable to the "Parish of St. Timothy Women's Auxiliary"

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The Women's Auxiliary donates the majority of proceeds from these events to the Parish. A smaller portion is donated to charities that support families and children, including SSVF.